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NAANA HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL ANGEL OF MERCY AWARDS DINNER OCTOBER 26, 2017

DETROIT, MI, September 25, 2017 – The National American Arab Nurses Association (NAANA) announces its 2017 Angel of Mercy Awards Banquet on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at Byblos Banquets, 7258 Chase Road, Dearborn, at 6:00 p.m. Bruce Nicely, RN, MSN, CPTC, Chief Clinical Officer at Gift of Life Michigan, will deliver the keynote address at the dinner themed as "The Art of Giving."

Gift of Life Michigan is the federally designated Organ Procurement Organization for Michigan. A registered nurse, Nicely oversees all clinical functions associated with organ and tissue donation, including organ, tissue, preservation, hospital relations, and Gift of Life Michigan's call center. He has more than 25 years' experience in the field and is a past president of NATCO, the professional association for transplant professionals. Nicely earned his Master of Science in Nursing degree from Chamberlain College of Nursing in St. Louis, MO, with an emphasis in informatics.

Gift of Life CEO, Dorrie Dils, RN, BSN, MHA, CPTC, said, "Donation would not happen in Michigan without the compassion and skill of nurses. Nurses comfort grieving families, collaborate with Gift of Life to provide the opportunity for donation and ultimately give hope to thousands of people here and across the country who need a life-saving organ transplant. Gift of Life is blessed to have such dedicated partners in this process."

The contributions of nurses often go without public acknowledgement. The purpose of the Angel of Mercy Award is to elevate nurses who positively impact the health and well-being of the Arab American community daily, whether they are Arab American themselves or unselfishly serve the community's needs for care. It is also to showcase nursing as a viable career choice for Arab Americans.

In addition to the Angel of Mercy Award, NAANA will award scholarships to Arab American nursing students who show strong academic achievement, leadership and community involvement.

Join us as we honor the extraordinary men and women in the nursing community who have lead by example and made significant impacts in the community. Help us celebrate and recognize their hard work and dedication to the mission of nursing.

Individual tickets for the Angel of Mercy Banquet are \$100. Individual banquet tickets and tables of 10 tickets can be purchased at www.n-aana.org. Sponsorships are available by contacting Catherine Siladi at 586-944-6157, by e-mailing events@n-aana.org or by visiting www.n-aana.org.

NAANA was established in 2003 as a voice, a network and a resource for men and women in their pursuit of employment and advancement within the nursing profession. NAANA focuses primarily on the Arab American nurse but it is an inclusive nursing organization fostering knowledge of cultural diversity and sensitivity between members and the community in transcultural health care. # # #

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